



## DECISION OF COUNCILLOR ELFAN AP REES

THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING, HIGHWAYS AND  
TRANSPORTATION, CONCESSIONARY FARES, CAR PARKS, HOUSING, GYPSIES AND  
TRAVELLERS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

WITH ADVICE FROM  
THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT

### DECISION NO 15/16 DE 82

**SUBJECT:** Churchill Neighbourhood Area

**Background:** Churchill Parish Council submitted an application to designate a Neighbourhood Area on 10 July 2015. This is a prerequisite to undertaking any form of neighbourhood planning in the parish.

The neighbourhood area must be formally designated by North Somerset Council under the Localism Act 2011 and the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. The proposed Neighbourhood Area relates to the whole of the Parish of Churchill. The application was duly advertised by North Somerset Council in accordance with the above regulations.

9 responses have been received, which make general comments, rather than specifically commenting on the neighbourhood area. No objections have been received.

The inclusion of the whole of the Parish of Churchill in the Neighbourhood Area is logical and allows the Parish Council to explore any issues which emerge throughout the Parish area.

**DECISION:** The application for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area for the Parish of Churchill is approved in accordance with the application received on 10 July 2015.

**Reasons:** The designation of the Neighbourhood Area is a pre-requisite to producing a Neighbourhood Plan. The whole of the Parish is a logical area to designate.

**Other Alternatives Considered:** Designating a smaller area would preclude the Parish Council from addressing any issues which may emerge in other parts of the Parish during the course of the Plan's preparation.

**Risk Assessment:** There are no specific risks associated with the designation of the Churchill Neighbourhood Area.

**Financial Implications:**

The decision is within the relevant budget of the Directorate and the overall budget is not projected to be overspent. Government funding is available to cover North Somerset Council's costs in designating the neighbourhood area. A sum of £5k can be claimed retrospectively.

**Implications for Future Years:**

The approval of the Neighbourhood Area does not have any direct budgetary implications. North Somerset Council is required to assist the community in neighbourhood planning and to fund the examination of any neighbourhood plan or community right to build order and any resultant referendum. The costs of this, however are borne by Government funding.

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The Executive Member for Strategic Planning, Highways and Transportation, Concessionary Fares, Car Parks, Housing, Gypsies and Travellers and Economic Development

Dated.....12/8/15.....

**Confirmation of Advice Given**

Signed..........Director of Development & Environment

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